THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN): (a) No such National Mahila Krishi Kendra has been established. The training to women agriculturists is being imparted through Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Farmers Training Centres functioning in the State Sector.

(b) There are 261 Krishi Vigyan Kendras and 188 Farmers' Training Centres functioning in the country.

Growth in Petrochemical Sector

933. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL Will the *MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS* be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning for massive growth in the petro-chemical sector;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that petrochemical units in the country lack feedstock and this need to be made available to them at international prices, in order to become globally competitive;

(c) the steps Government have taken to supply important petrochemical feedstock; and

(d) the likely consumption of petrochemicals in India by the turn of the century as against the estimated production and availability in tonnes by the year 2,000 and in the manner in which this gap is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) As per the present industrial policy, most of the petrochemicals are delicenced and capacities can be set up. A few items are kept under licensing based on the criteria of hazard and safety. The Government has sanctioned a number of petrochemcial items which are under licensing.

(b) and (c) Petrochemical units use naphtha, LPG, Kerosene etc. as feedstocks. The policy on imports of feedstocks was liberalized recently and as of now the above feedstocks can be freely imported under OGL.* Government has also sanctioned additional refining capacities in the public sector as well as in private sector whereby the availability of the above feedstocks is expected to increase.

(d) The expected consupmtion of petrochemicals viz. Polymers, Synthetic Fibres & Intermediates by the year 2000 is over 70 lakhs against which the capacities planned are expected to be 63 lakh tonnes. The shortfall can be met from imports as all items are under OGL.*

* OGL-Open General Licence.

Monitoring of NPK Ratio

934. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the nutrient balance of N .P . and K. ratio as monitored by the Ministry during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the ideal ratio;

(c) whether the ratio obtaining in the country is in variance with such an ideal ratio; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN): (a) The NPK ratio for last three years is as under:-

Years	Ratio				
	N	:	P :	K
1992-93	9.5	:	3.2 :	1
1993-94	9.7	:	2.9 :	1
1994-95	8.4	:	2.6 :	1

(b) The ideal ratio is 4:2:1.

(c) and (d) The NPK ratio obtaining in the country is in variance with the ideal ratio because of:

(i) high prices of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers;

(ii) Non-use of fertilisers by farmers based on soil test recommendations;

(iii) Deviation of the farmers from traditional use of compost, manure and green manuring.

(iv) Reduced use of Legumes in crop rotations and mixed cropping systems.

इस्पात संयंत्रों की स्थापना करने के संबंध में प्रस्ताव

935. श्री एस. एस. सुरजेवाला:
श्री अजीत जोगी:

क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान देश में इस्पात संयंत्र स्थापित करने का है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन स्वदेशी और विदेशी कम्पनियों